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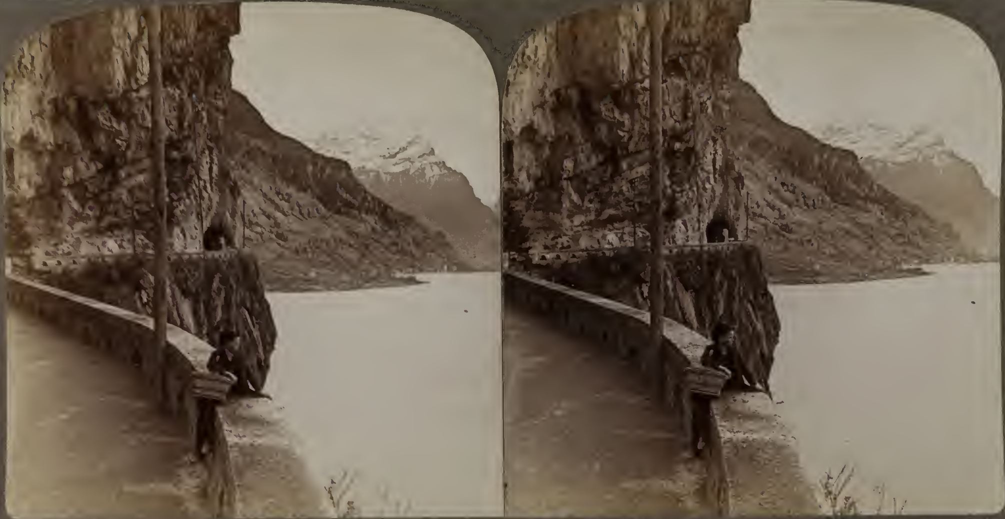

(16) 1780 The [illegible] Axenstrasse, seen from [illegible] above Lake
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You are near the upper end of Lake Lucerne, on its eastern side, looking southward along the famous highway blasted out of the cliffs along the shore. Parallel with this carriage road, but lower down, nearer the lake, another shelf hewn out of the cliffs holds the tracks of the St. Gotthard Railway, running from Lucerne (behind you) over and *through* the mountains into Italy.

"It is a dizzy height as we lean out over the Lake, and you see the rocks above actually overhang the road ahead. Until about forty years ago the only way to traverse this region was by painful and dangerous climbing over high cliffs and ice slopes, up and down and around all sorts of obstacles, multiplying the air-line distance into something many times greater, and spending days instead of hours in difficult progress on foot with some patient mule to help carry burdens.

"Italy is beyond those mountains. The clouds we see rolling up from the south may be bringing Mediterranean waters up here into Switzerland to be turned into ice and snow. Here in this mountain land we are perpetually reminded of the great forces of nature and how they work to put the world in shape.

"See how wonderfully the airy distance between us and those far mountains makes them successively paler and fainter till at last we can hardly tell what is cloud and what is solid mountain."

(See "*Switzerland through the Stereoscope*," with special keyed maps locating all the standpoints taken and identifying all the landmarks.)

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The bold Axenstrasse, Lake Lucerne, Switzerland.

La superbe Axenstrasse, Lac de Lucerne, Suisse.

Die Axenstraße beim Luzerner See in der Schweiz.

La soberbia Axenstrasse, Lago de Lucerna, Suiza.

Den vilda Axenstrassen, Luzernersjön, Schweiz.

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